

Plum Update – 2013

The 2013 blossom season was excellent and the bees were in place when these trees bloomed. Crop set was only fair though and almost all of the fruit was lost to plum curculio damage. 'Toka' trees had almost no fruit at all even before insect damage. I try to pick up and pick off all infested fruit.

I have hopes that the inclusion of the 'Prairie Red' hybrid plum from the USDA Plant Materials Center will offer better pollen to increase plum production. This

spring, one of the two trees bloomed but it was a week later than the other trees. They are still quite young so we will see if their bloom time changes as they get older.

